

# CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

QUARTERLY UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES



## Important Dates

Jan. 1: Holiday, City Offices Closed  
Jan. 1: No Curbside Garbage Collection  
Jan. 7-11 : Curbside Christmas Tree Collection  
Jan. 14: City Council Meeting  
Jan. 12: Winterfest Bike Ride  
Jan. 19: Winterfest Frozen Golf Outing  
Jan. 28: City Council Meeting  
Feb. 11: City Council Meeting  
Feb. 15: Sanitation Bill Due  
Feb. 18: Holiday, City Offices Closed  
Feb. 25: City Council Meeting  
Mar. 11: City Council Meeting  
Mar. 15: Pet Licenses Due  
Mar. 25: City Council Meeting

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## Message from the Mayor:

With the start of a new year, the City of Council Bluffs is reflecting on the many successes and accomplishments of 2018. Together we work to provide our taxpayers with the public amenities and services that make our citizens proud to call Council Bluffs their home.

In 2018 we celebrated a number of milestones including the Library's 20th Anniversary, Pirate Cove Waterpark's 50th Anniversary, and the opening of our new Police Headquarters. This Year In Review edition of our newsletter provides a glimpse into the work of your City employees by highlighting several 2018 projects, programs, and achievements.

We are always mindful that your tax dollars are a scarce resource and must be spent wisely. We don't plan to rest on our 2018 laurels and we are confident that 2019 will be another banner year for long term accomplishment.

Happy New Year!  
Mayor Matt Walsh

# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

## Police Department Headquarters

Recognizing the Police Department had outgrown their 40 year-old building, voters approved a \$20 million bond issue in May 2016 to construct a larger and modernized headquarters. Ground was broken in June of 2017 and the new Police Department opened to the public on December 18, 2018. The new Police Department is nearly 60,000 square feet and is home to 115 officers and 26 civilian workers.

## New Public Safety Records Management System

Council Bluffs Police and Fire departments, along with Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, Carter Lake Police, Avoca Police, and Pottawattamie County Conservation have partnered to enhance the safety of the area by transitioning to a single records management system used by all. The new system increases efficiency by allowing officers from all agencies access to the same system so they can quickly view and input information, write reports, conduct background checks, etc. The implementation of the new system, and the partnership between agencies, demonstrates a dedication to safety and high quality public services.

## West Broadway Reconstruction

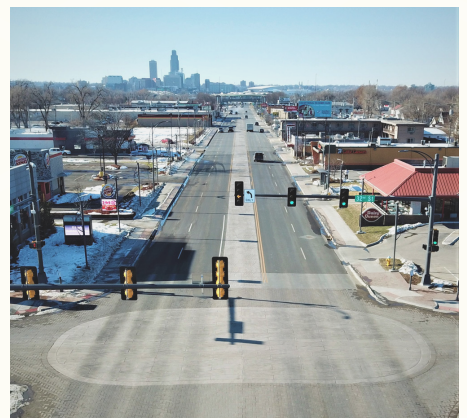
Segment 2 of the West Broadway Reconstruction Project wrapped up in 2018. The project is now complete from 36th to 28th street. Construction on Segment 3 will begin early 2019. The goals of the reconstruction project are drainage enhancements, pavement and sidewalk replacement, improved pedestrian and traffic safety, and aesthetics. More information can be found at <http://www.wbreconstruction.com>.

## Social Channels

The @CityofCB on Facebook gained 4,044 new followers for a current total of 6,290. An Instagram account was created (@CityofCouncilBluffs) and gained 1,150 followers. A new YouTube channel was established as well. Like, follow, and subscribe!

## BLink Phase 4

The fourth phase of BLink, Bluffs Community Wi-Fi, is live! Phase 4 includes neighborhoods from S 16th Street to S 22nd Street, and from Broadway to 9th. Phase 5 planning is underway! For more information, and to see the current BLink coverage map, visit [www.blinkwifi.org](http://www.blinkwifi.org).





## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

- Added two new K9 teams to the Police Department
- Began streaming City Council meetings online. Residents can now watch from a computer, tablet, or smartphone
- Completed first phase of the East Beltway connecting the gap along Eastern Hills Drive between US Highway 6 and State Orchard Road
- Completed the annual financial report (CAFR) in-house via the City's Finance Department saving \$13,000 in consulting fees
- Disposed of 25 City-owned lots to private owners in the community for new development
- Extended Saturday hours at the Recycling Center to remain open until 3:00 p.m
- Implemented an online application process allowing candidates to apply for jobs online
- Partnered with Raise Me to Read to install a Story Walk at Sunset Park
- Redesigned the FY19 Budget reporting package making it easier for residents to understand
- Remodeled Fire Station No. 6 making it ADA compliant
- Transitioned to a new phone system offering residents a main line for City Hall and an automated menu that makes it easy for people to reach their desired department. 712-890-5100



## 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

**4,800**

TONS OF TREES  
RECYCLED AT THE  
RECYCLING CENTER

**124**

NEW HOMES BUILT IN  
COUNCIL BLUFFS

**254**

ATHLETIC TEAMS  
REGISTERED WITH  
PARKS AND REC

**407,016**

ITEMS BORROWED  
FROM THE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

**27**

CITIZEN POLICE  
ACADEMY GRADUATES

**51,350**

POLICE CALLS  
FOR SERVICE

**12,000**

TONS OF ASPHALT LAID  
IN STREET OVERLAY  
PROJECTS

**18**

HYDRANT PARTIES  
HOSTED BY THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

**36,500**

PEOPLE ATTENDED  
LOESSFEST

**7,224**

BUILDING, PLUMBING,  
MECHANICAL,  
ELECTRICAL  
INSPECTIONS

**1,350**

STREET WORK ORDERS  
AND REPAIR REQUESTS

**264**

SPRITZER LIGHTS  
ADDED TO THE TREES IN  
THE BAYLISS PARK  
HOLIDAY LIGHTS

**1,123**

TONS OF RECYCLABLES  
COLLECTED CURBSIDE

**6,290**

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS  
@CITYOFCB

**44,793**

VISITORS AT  
PIRATE COVE AND  
KATTELMAN

**326,600**

VISITORS AT  
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**165**

RIVER'S EDGE PAVILION  
EVENT RENTALS

**32,202**

TONS OF RECYCLABLES  
COLLECTED AT THE  
RECYCLING CENTER

**2,952**

RENTAL HOUSING  
INSPECTIONS

**1,529**

BUILDING PLAN  
REVIEWS

**49**

SUPERVISORS AND  
MANAGERS ATTENDING  
LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**3,342**

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CARD HOLDERS

**9,158**

FIRE CALLS  
FOR SERVICE

**44,548**

PAYING CUSTOMERS  
USED THE RECYCLING  
CENTER